

Salem Damartine 11:00 6/15/69

*Processional Hymn 12
*Choral Call to Worship
*Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon
Scripture Hebrews 12; 1-13
*Gloria Patri
*Apostles Creed
*Pastoral Prayer
Anthem
Announcements
Visitors welcome

St. John Emerton 9:30 6/15/69

*Processional Hymn 17
*Choral Call to Worship
*Confession of Sin
*Assurance of Pardon
Responsive Reading Sel. 61 Pg. 608
Hymn 754
Scripture Hebrews 12; 1-13
*Gloria Patri
*Apostles Creed
*Pastoral Prayer
Anthem
Announcements
New ending again.

Offering, Response, Prayer
Hymn 754
Sermon
Prayer & Lord's Prayer
*Hymn 754
*Benediction
*Threefold Amen

Offering, Prayer
*Hymn 71
Sermon
Prayer & Lord's Prayer
Benediction
*Threefold Amen
*Hymn 782
Recessional on last verse
Seated closing Prayer while cand. ext.

Call to worship: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.

Call to Confession: I will arise and go to my father, a I will say to him, "Father I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." Let us come now before our Father and seek his forgiveness.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. The Lord is near to the broken hearted, and saves the crushed in spirit. Amen.

Offering prayer thoughts; God, who needs not to be enriched by our gifts, that we bring, yet who loves a cheerful giver, receive these offerings, ~~of~~ our souls, our bodies, a living sacrifice to You, in Jesus name-

PEARL ANDERSON IS RECOVERING IN ROOM 118
OF HOLY SPIRIT.

MRS BILLMAN & FLOWERS

VISITORS WELCOME

DD OF X in ed. after church

TRINITY CHURCH--THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Ralph C. Link, Pastor
 Trinity Church, New Blenheim 9:00 A.M.
 Christ Church, Tuncannon 10:30 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP June 20, 1971

The Order Include
 *The Hymn of Praise 11
 *The Call to Worship
 *The Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to thy lovingkindness; according to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sin. For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from thy presence; and take not thy Holy Spirit from us. Amen.

*The Kyrie
 *The Assurance of Pardon
 The Scripture---Hebrews 12:1-13
 *The Gloria Patri
 Anthem (Trinity)
 Pastoral Prayer
 Announcements
 The Receiving of Tithes and Offerings
 *The Doxology
 *The Offering Prayer and Lord's Prayer
 The Hymn of Meditation 436
 The Sermon---"Christian Fathers"
 The Sermon Prayer
 *The Hymn of Response 232
 *The Benediction
 *The Threefold Amen
 *The Portlude

*Congregation stands

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joint consistory meeting this afternoon at 2:00 P.M. in Christ Church.

8:00 P.M. this evening, installation service for your pastor in Trinity Church. Refreshments following the service.

TRINITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

We extend our thanks to Helen Lyons, Shirley Link, Dale Link and Lloyd Link for serving in the Vacation Bible School this past week. The offerings amounted to \$45.92 to Thursday and for Friday the special offering amounted to \$35.48. This will be used to buy underwear for children in Kentucky. The average attendance for the week was 71.

CHRIST CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 We extend our thanks to Rosaline Sherrer, Betty Smith, and Janet Hornman for working in the Vacation Bible School this past week. The offerings amounted to \$104.36 Monday through Thursday and \$38.83 on Friday which goes to the Teen Challenge. The offering collected at the Commencement Service amounted to \$70.13.

The flowers on the Chancel are in memory of Elmer Holland and John Schenbeck.

A tour of the Church World Service Center at New Windsor Maryland can be arranged for June 28th if there are enough interested people. Details are on the bulletin board.

Christian Fathers

Text Hebrews 12; 9-11

Since preached for mothers day must not forget good old dad.

is day he is supposed to be king. When he can stretch out in lawn chair and relax with no worries and supposedly no little woman to say, Harry, start the charcoal fire, or, empty the garbage or some other thing.
Or the kids hollering, "Hey Dad, can you get my ball, its in the gutter again, or tie my shoes, or some other nerve wracking deal.

Do most Dads want a real day to themselves?

We may say so down deep inside, but really we like to be around families and enjoy their company and be needed by them. At least real fathers do, the ones who call themselves Christian.

Should be joy to be called father and Christian at that.

Takes more than wide eyed little boy or girl sayin da da to make him a father.

Man who is willing to accept responsibility of parenthood. Not afraid to work and bring home the money to support his wife and kids. A man willing to discipline himself so that he may be example for his children to follow.

How many can you think of who do not even come close to this. All know examples

But man is not perfect, and the weaker need our help and assistance.

Cannot judge others because we have faults.

Surprising the contradictions in mankind.

Will raise his kids to act a certain way, and do certain things, and they turn out very good and good men.

Old Dad is a nice enough fellow, but he had an argument with someone in the church and he will never forgive that guy and won't come until that other fellow is out. He thinks a certain neighbor should act a certain way and until he does he will not speak to him.

Childish isn't it?

We must change ourselves and then try to help the other fellow.

Author of Hebrews tells us: Illustration

We all remember how Dads punished us.

For our own good.

Life has pains and sorrows, not every day sunshine, but we become tempered to life

Makes us aware that we are human, and have another father. Not sufficient to self.

Too many think have all answers and God not included in thinking or plans.

Person concerned with soul and afterlife knows needs power, being, creator turn to

Life takes on meaning when we see and feel results of God working in lives

This is joy of being father.

To know that God has used us as instruments to bring life into worlds and to look after and care as heavenly father looks after us.

All seen and heard image of father in story and legend, illustration

In both the stories where dad is almost a fixture and it is mother who solves all of the problems. All of the smart things are done and said by her. Father just took up space.

Life not like this. Takes both husband and wife to be a family. One cannot do it properly alone.

Dad must have a say so in rearing. Takes a sharing of thoughts and ideas by both
 should be stabilizing influence on family to keep on even keel

This is Christian father and need more to keep land as it should be.

rear children will determine destiny of nation.

Must all become dedicated fathers.

Willing to serve Lord, and take responsibility seriously enough to care what happens
 to our kids.

Example of young man and wife expecting and fearful of future for children.

Ever thought of this?

What will world be like in future, 20 years, 10 years?

Song written, not best seller but words are haunting.

Fellow talking to fiancée and asking,

Will there be kids, two or three kids?

Choose, it's hard to choose.

Will they grow up in a fair world?

Will it blow up? Do you care world?

This is our world; is it their world?

We must choose."

Should be concerned about future of kids everywhere.

Kids today telling us this in ecology.

Water and air pollution, ~~extinction~~, wasting of resources.

May seem remote and distant but on our front doorstep and we better start being
 concerned.

Fought several wars to make world safe for unborn generations, but did we?

Time we started to live for this reason instead of dying for it.

Caring and being concerned for those to come.

This is the task of Christian fathers.

All banded together could make and have a staggering result.

Men willing to put forth the effort to make this a better world and to raise
 children that will look up to them.

Today is the ~~time~~ day, and now is the time.

"This is our world; is it their world? We must choose."

Christian Fathers

Text: Hebrews 12; 9-11

"Besides we have all had our human fathers who punished us, and we respected them for it; we ought to be even more willing to submit ourselves to our Spiritual Father, to be given life. Our human fathers were thinking of this short life when they punished us, and could only do what they thought best; but He does it for our own good so that we may share His own Holiness."

Last year after I preached the sermon I had prepared for Mothers day, several fellows, (Some of our choir boys), told me they would bet that I wouldn't have the nerve to preach a sermon similar to it on Fathers Day. Well, they were right I didn't. It wasn't because I didn't have the nerve, but simply because I wasn't here. However I have resolved to do just that this morning; preach a sermon about fathers. Every year we get a little sentimental and the merchants start playing on the heart strings of countless young boys and girls and even grown up boys and girls, concerning thinking about dear old Dad. Of course we all know that this is also done on Mothers Day. However we had our say on that and now we face Dad's Day. This is the day when he is supposed to be king. When he can really stretch out in his lawn chair and relax with no worries and no cares and supposedly no little woman to say, "Harry start the charcoal fire, or Empty the garbage", ~~or some other thing~~ ^{like the mother}. Or the kids, hollering, "Hey Dad, can you get my ball, its in the gutter again. Or, "tie my shoes, or some other little nerve racking deal. But do most Dads really want this? I suppose a lot of us would say yes, but down deep in side we kind of like a change from our daily working routine. We like to be around our families and to be called upon for assistance and help. At least the real Fathers do. The Fathers who can proudly call themselves Christian. It should be a joy to be called a father and a Christian one at that. It takes more than a wide eyed little boy or girl saying Da Da to a man to make him a father. ~~Thisxxxx~~ It takes a guy who is willing to accept the responsibilities of marriage with a woman. A man who is not afraid to work to provide the money to raise the family. A man who is willing to submit his life to a discipline of being an example for his children to follow. How many fathers can you think of in your mind today, who do not even come close to being this type? How many men can you picture who are the poorest substitute for a father? We all know of examples like this. We also know that since men are human they are not perfect. Therefore we must be willing to point out the way to our weaker brothers. We can never

stand back and judge other men too much, because we have our faults too. But it is surprising how a man will raise his children to do the right thing and to t a certain way, and ~~yet~~ when you meet these grown men and women you are really surprised at the finished product. They are wonderful, ^{INTELLIGENT} ~~nice~~ grown children, their parents can be proud of. But how about good old Dad? Well, he's a nice enough fellow, but he had this argument about someone in the church and got mad and storm- ed out and no one has seen him back since. Childish isn't it? Or he thinks a cer- tain neighbor should act a certain way, and if he doesn't he is all wrong. But we could cite all kinds of examples. I think you know what I mean. The thing we men all need to do is to straighten ourselves out before we can do it for others. But this does not mean that we need to do it alone. We can help each other along lifes path and if we each look out for the other we can be better people for it.

Then ^{of} The author ~~of the Hebrews~~ Hebrews had something to say about this. He tells us that, "we have all had our human fathers who punished us, and we respected them for it; we ought to be even more willing to submit ourselves to our Spiritual (ther, to be given life. Our human fathers were thinking of this short life when they punished us, and could only do what they thought best; but He does it for our own good, so that we may share His own Holiness." We can all remember how our dads punished us. Sometimes they did it forcefully and other times they tried to reason with us. But it was done for our own good. And so it is with life we have a certain amount of sorrow and pain to go along with joy and happiness. We know that every day is not a day of sunshine. But it is this way so that we can become tempered to life. We can look forward to struggle as well as joy. This not only takes the monotony out of life, but it makes us aware that we are human. That we are under the care and keeping of another father, besides our human one. This also makes us aware that we are not sufficient unto ourselves. Too many of todays people think that they have all the answers. They know what is what and God is not included in their knowing. But the person who is concerned with his (ul and what is to come after this life, knows that he needs this power, this being this creator, to turn to. Life takes on meaning when we can see and feel the re- sults of God working in our lives. This is the joy of being a father. To know that God has used us as His instruments to bring another life into the world and to

look after him or her as our Heavenly Father looks after us.

And then we have all seen and heard of the image of a father according to story and legend. Several years ago, there was a program on tv called, "Father Knows Best." Perhaps you remember it. It was a nice family situation, a lot better than some of the present fare on television. But it did an injustice to the entire male population. The title was completely wrong, because the plot always made the father out to be a cross between a moron and a mental case. He never did know best. All the smart things were thought of by the wife. All of the problems were solved by the wife. In fact father was merely a guy who just took up space on the program and grunted a few remarks once in a while to keep it from being a monologue. What I am trying to say is that we all know life is not like this. It takes a combination of husband and wife to be mothers and fathers. One can't do the job properly alone. It takes a sharing of thoughts and ideas. It takes help from each other to do the job and do ~~it~~ well. Dad must ^{HE HAS TO BE IN THE BACKGROUND JUST TO TAKE CARE} have a say so in the rearing of the children. In fact he should be the stabilizing influence in the family that keeps it on an even keel. This is a Christian father and we need to corral more of them to keep our land the land it should be. It is how we rear our children that will determine the destiny of our nation. This means that we can't be just slipshod, any old thing goes, ^{type of} Dads. We must be and become truly dedicated Fathers. Willing to serve our Lord and to take our responsibility seriously enough that we care what happens to our kids. I was talking to a young man this past week who has ~~only~~ been married a little over a year and who found out on Saturday that his wife is going to have a baby in February. He told me that his fear of the future overshadows his happiness of his oncoming parenthood. He fears what the world will be like when his child is grown. What will he or she have to face? What kind of world will it be? Have you ever thought of this? It is a sobering thought to say the least. A popular song was written along ^{JEFFERSON VEIN AGO} these very lines. It never became a large seller and there are many people who ~~have~~ never heard it. But I am sure that were you to hear it once its words would continue to go through your mind for some time to come. The author ~~was~~ wrote this song along the lines of a fellow talking to his fiancée. He is telling

her that ^{they} ~~she~~ must choose what course their life will take. The title of it is "Choose". The one part that is pertinent to what I am trying to say goes like this:

"Will there be kids, two or three kids?

Choose, it's hard to choose.

Will they grow up in a fair world?

Will it blow up; do you care world?

This is our world; is it their world?

We must choose."

What this man is saying is that we should be concerned about the future of mankind. Not just for our selfish reasons, but for the growing generations and those as yet unborn. Our concern needs to be about air pollution, water pollution, soil conservation, saving our natural resources. ^{fire} These may seem remote and distant from us, but they are important to the very life of humanity. They are not projects that too many women are involved in but they certainly are in the category of Fathers. This is the larger responsibility of fatherhood; to be concerned about not only ourselves but for generations to come. We fought several wars for this very reason; to make the world safe for those to come. Well we need to start living for this reason. We need to start in our own little neighborhoods and communities where we live. We need to start being more Christian fathers; working and serving humanity wherever we can. This is our need as a nation and as a world. Perhaps you and I individually cannot do too much. But think of the results if the efforts can be multiplied by hundreds and thousands and millions. The end result could be staggering. But it takes men who are willing to put forth the effort, who are willing to work, and be deserving of the name father. Today is ^{the day and now is the time} the day and now is the time, "This is our world; is it their world? We must choose." Let us pray.